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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 8-9-04, 5-27-05, 7-18-05
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☒ Other: IDS 7-18-05

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Cone '200.

Cone '200 discloses in figures 1-11 a compression treatment system comprising a first bladder 56, a second bladder 56, both bladders are in fluid communication with a fluid source (a fluid pump), the first bladder is inflated for a first time period and the second bladder is inflated for a second time period, the second time period being initiated within the first time period (col. 3, lines 28-48), a single pressure sensor (transducer) 102, in communicating with the first and second bladders, a controller (claim 14), that communicated with the pressurized fluid source, the pressure transducer, the controller is configured to monitor and regulate pressure in the bladders (via the valves), the controller is disposed in a portable housing 10, the housing includes a plurality of ports 32, connectable to the plurality of bladders 56, the pressure transducers monitors each port and sends a signal to the controller, (col. 7, lines 65- col. 8, lines 1-20), the controller includes separate valves 98, a pneumatic circuit 112, a foot bladder (the bladders in fig. 3 cover the foot), the device includes a third bladder 56, a first plurality of bladders 56, a second plurality of bladders 56, a first bladder (either of

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the bladders 56 or the lowest bladder 56) of the first plurality of bladders is inflated for a first time period, a second bladder of the first plurality of bladders is inflated for a second time period, a first bladder of the second plurality of bladders can be inflated for a first time period, a second bladder of the second plurality of bladders can be inflated for a second time period (each of these time periods are controlled by the controller and the pressure transducer), first valve 98, a second valve 98, a third valve 98, a fourth valve 98 and a check valve 90.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Jacobs and Arkans, each discloses a compression device. Although each of these references is pertinent prior art, neither was used to reject any claims, in the first office action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Brown whose telephone number is 571-272-4972. The examiner can normally be reached on 5:30 am-4:00 pm Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gergory Huson can be reached on 571-272-4887. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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M. Brown
March 24, 2006

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael A. Brown". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

MICHAEL A. BROWN
PRIMARY EXAMINER